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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. COLLINS].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC, September 10, 1997. I hereby designate the Honorable MAC COL-LINS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend George S. Dillard III, Peachtree City Christian Church, Peachtree City, GA, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, You are our sovereign. By Your divine providence this Nation was born. On Your principles, this Nation was founded. On Your precepts we have modeled our rules of law. To this honorable body of men and women You have entrusted the wellbeing of our fellow citizens. Let us never forget that, as Jesus taught, it is better to forgive and serve than to be served. Help us, our Father, to remember always, we are here to serve You through service to our fellow man.

Perhaps, like no other moment in history, to this body has been given the opportunity to influence the affairs of all mankind. Grant to us, Father, the wisdom and compassion to rise above those issues which so easily divide us and help us to focus on Your will, for this body, for this great Nation.

Forgive us for our sins this day, and grant us the desire to return to Your truth. Bless this Nation, Oh Lord, we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the aves appeared to have it

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Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. TIERNEY] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance

House in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. TIERNEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

H.J. Res. 75. Joint resolution to confer status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1139. An act to reauthorize the programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain fifteen 1-minutes from each side.

WELCOME TO THE REVEREND GEORGE S. DILLARD III

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I introduce the pastor of the day, the Reverend George S. Dillard.

George has been a friend of mine for over 10 years. I met him when he was a resident of Georgia's First District, and after many years of good representation in the First District, he had the misfortune of moving to the Third District and being represented by the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. COLLINS]. But he does keep in touch with the First District, and we are happy to have him back with us today. He is doing great work up in that area.

George was a graduate of Campbell High School. He was born in Fairburn, GA, and received his bachelor's degree from Atlanta Christian College. He received his master's degree, magna cum laude, from the Evangelical Theological Seminary, and this year will get his Ph.D. from that same institution

George is a minister of evangelism and preaching at the Peachtree City Christian Church in Peachtree, GA. George is listed in Who's Who in Religion and was selected as one of the

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